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## **A Slight Increase in positive COVID-19 among younger demographics**

(Oklahoma City) - The Oklahoma City-County Health Department (OCCHD) Epidemiologists have noticed a slight increase in positive COVID-19 cases being seen in younger demographics. The new cases reported between May 22<sup>nd</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup> were younger and less likely to be hospitalized.

<b><u>Age Groups</u></b>	<b><u>Total Cases</u></b>	<b><u>New Cases</u></b>	<b><u>% Change</u></b>
<18	6%	9%	+3%
18-34	22%	32%	+10%
35-49	23%	22%	-1%
50-64	22%	16%	-6%
65+	27%	21%	-6%

More than half of the new cases had symptom onset between May 25 and May 29<sup>th</sup>. Oklahoma's reopening, from Phase 2 to now Phase 3, is associated with the recent slight increase in cases. It has been noted that there were more cases showing no symptoms compared to the rest of the population.

### **This new data prompts OCCHD to remind the public:**

Wear a mask when in public

Wash your hands for 20 seconds frequently

Stay six feet apart.

Sanitize frequently touched surfaces in the home or business

### **OCCHD offers free testing at two convenient locations Monday – Friday:**

The Northeast Campus at 2600 NE 63<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

The Southern Oaks Campus at 6728 South Hudson from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Make an appointment by calling our Nurse Hotline (405) 425-4489

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